

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
C	114



Location Lexington

Address 7 Hancock Ave.

Name Leander J. Wing House

Present use Residence

Present owner _____

Description:

Period C. 1870 1871 or 1872

Source _____

Style Mansard Cottage

Builder/Architect John L. Norris

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) (later small 1-story garage)

Other features Brick foundation, shingled

straight-sided mansard roof, 2 dormer

windows to a side

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less ☒ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

20' to front steps

6. Recorded by Sally Scott

Organization Lex. Historical Comm.

Date Sept. 4, 1975

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

double corner brackets, bracketed front bay window, heavily bracketed
projecting cornice over front door. NW side of house has 1 story shed addition.

Leander J. Wing (b. 1833) may well have been
the original owner of this mansard cottage
constructed by John L. Norris in early 1870s.
Wing became a Lexington resident in 1872.
He was a free mason and worked in Boston -
one directory lists him as an engineer &
inventor. Still here in 1908 - moved to 45
Hancock by 1913.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records,
early maps, etc.)

1889 map
Directories
Hudson, vol. 2, p. 762.